(b) if so, the number of those who have been issued appointment orders; and

(c) the reasons for not issuing appointment orders to the rest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Regional Head-Quarter of Railways at Patna

3042. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Patna he had assured the State Chief Minister for the establishment of a Regional Headquarter of the railways in Patna; and

(b) if so, what is the time frame for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The setting up of a Zonal Railway with Headquarters at Patna, as proposed by the Chief Miinster of Bihar, had not been recommended by the Railway Reforms Committee. Moreover, prevailing financial constraints preclude the possibility of going in for a new zonal railway for the present.

रेलवे पास

3043. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 मार्च, 1991 की स्थिति के अनुसार किन-किन व्यक्तियों को रेलवे पास जारी किए गए थे ;

(ख) क्या पास देने के लिए कोई नियम और मानदंड मौजूद है ; और

(ग) उन व्यक्तियों के नाम और पते क्या-क्या हैं, जिन्हें 1 अप्रैल, 1991 से 31 मार्च, 1992 तक पास दिए गए थे और उन्हें ये पास किस आधार पर दिए गए थे ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) संभवतः, यह संदर्भ व्यक्तियों/संगठनों को जारी किए गए मानार्थ कार्ड पासों से संबंधित है । जिन व्यक्तियों/संगठनों को मानार्थ कार्ड पास जारी किए गए थे और 31 मार्च, 1991 तक वैध थे उनके नाम संलग्न विवरण अनुबंध में दिए गए हैं। [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 164, अनुपत्र संख्या 48]

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) 1 अप्रैल, 1991 से 31 मार्च, 1992 तक जिन व्यक्तियों/संगठनों को मानार्थ कार्ड पास जारी किए गए थे, उनके नाम और पते संलग्न विवरण अनुबंध में दिए गए हैं [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 164, अनुपत्र संख्या 49] मौजूदा मार्ग-निर्देशों और प्रत्येक मामले में औचित्य/गुण दोष के आधार पर ये पास जारी किए गए थे ।

Allotment of low capacity box wagons in Gujarat for industrial units

3044. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is allotted less than half of the assessed capacity of box wagons for steel and coal causing great hardship to about 1400 industrial units;

(b) whether Government are aware that due to poor quality of steam coal supplied from collieries other than Koria-I colliery, about 350 ceramic units in Gujarat have been adversely affected; and

(c) If so, what action Government propose to take in respect of sufficient supply of steam coal, supply of coal to ceramic units for Koria-I Colliery and to ensure that steam coal is received as per the weight mentioned in the Railway Receipt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Wagons are supplied for loading of steel from Steel Plants including for destinations in Gujarat State, as per demands placed by the steel plants. Coal supply for Gujarat State is mainly from Korea-Rewa Coalfield of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Western Coalfields Ltd. where availability of coal and rail transport is not adequate to meet the demands of consumers including those located in Gujarat. As a result, loading of coal to Gujarat State for Core and Non-core sectors put together is around 70 per cent of the programmes.

(b) and (c) Due to inadequate availability of superior steam coal offered for transport by rail from Korea-Rewa coalfield supply of coal to ceramic industries in Gujarat is less than their demand. Ministry of Coal have instructed all the coal companies to supply atlelast 50 per cent of the linked quantity of coal to industrial consumers in non-core sector by rail or road.

Assault on Newsman's Family in Train

3045. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Newsman family assaulted in train" which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7th July, 1992;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the complaint of the victims of assault; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that the passengers in the reserved compartments of the long-distance trains are not disturbed, harrassed and assaulted by the passengers who get into such compartments without a reserved seat from different stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes on running trains is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. It is for them to take necessary action on the complaint of the victims of such assaults.

(c) The steps taken by the Ministry of Railways include:—

(i) Distance restrictions imposed on travel on certain long distance trains;

(ii) surprise checks with the help of GRP/RPF to detect unauthorised passengers found travelling in reserved coaches and to detrain and fine them under provisions of new Railway Act;

(iii) imposition of punishment on conductors/TTEs/Coach Attendants found responsible for dereliction of duty; and

(iv) more stringent legal provisions imposing a fine upto Rs. 500/- under the new Railways Act, 1989.

गोधरा-दाहोद-इन्दौर-देवास-मक्सी रेल लाइन के लिए स्वीकृति

3046. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने गोधरा-दाहोद-इन्दौर-देवास-मक्सी रेल लाइन को स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी है ; यदि हां, तो उसकी अनुमानित लागत कितनी है और इस